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Kingdom Living: A Renewed Mind & Receptive Heart – Part III

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God is interested in what you think

Luke 9:18-20 (Living Bible, TLB)

18 One day as he was alone, praying, with his disciples nearby, he came over and asked them, “Who are the people saying I am?” 19 “John the Baptist,” they told him, “or perhaps Elijah or one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead.” 20 Then **he asked them, “Who do you think I am?”** Peter replied, “The Messiah—the Christ of God!”

Now...God wants to speak...Do you want to listen?

John 10:25-30 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

25 Jesus answered them, “I have told you so, yet you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name testify concerning Me [they are My credentials and the evidence declaring who I am]. 26 But you do not believe Me [so you do not trust and follow Me] because you are not My sheep. 27 **The sheep that are My own hear My voice and listen to Me; I know them, and they follow Me.** 28 And I give them eternal life, and they will never, ever [by any means] perish; and no one will ever snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater *and* mightier than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are One [in essence and nature].”

God will give you answers that will come against your current thinking

Mark 10:17-23 (Easy-to-Read Version, ERV)

17 Jesus started to leave, but a man ran to him and bowed down on his knees before him. The man asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to get the life that never ends?” 18 Jesus answered, “Why do you call me good? Only God is good. 19 And you know his commands: ‘You must not murder anyone, you must not commit adultery, you must not steal, you must not lie, you must not cheat, you must respect your father and mother’” 20 The man said, “Teacher, I have obeyed all these

commands since I was a boy.” 21 Jesus looked at the man in a way that showed how much he cared for him. He said, “There is still one thing you need to do. Go and sell everything you have. Give the money to those who are poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me.” 22 **The man was upset when Jesus told him to give away his money. He didn’t want to do this, because he was very rich. So he went away sad.** 23 Then Jesus looked at his followers and said to them, “It will be very hard for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom!”

Some people will reject God if they think God rejects them.

Job 2:1-10 (Living Bible, TLB)

1 Now the angels came again to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan was with them. 2 “Where have you come from?” the Lord asked Satan. “From earth, where I’ve been watching everything that’s going on,” Satan replied. 3 “Well, have you noticed my servant Job?” the Lord asked. “He is the finest man in all the earth—a good man who fears God and turns away from all evil. And he has kept his faith in me despite the fact that you persuaded me to let you harm him without any cause.” 4-5 “Skin for skin,” Satan replied. “A man will give anything to save his life. Touch his body with sickness, and he will curse you to your face!” 6 “Do with him as you please,” the Lord replied; “only spare his life.” 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with a terrible case of boils from head to foot. 8 Then Job took a broken piece of pottery to scrape himself and sat among the ashes. 9 **His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to be godly when God has done all this to you? Curse him and die.”** 10 But he replied, “You talk like some heathen woman. What? Shall we receive only pleasant things from the hand of God and never anything unpleasant?” So in all this Job said nothing wrong.

It will always be difficult to obey God without renewing your mind

Romans 12:1-2 (New Living Translation, NLT)

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

You will really know what's in your heart when you are challenged

➤ My grace is what you need

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (The Message, MSG)

7-10 Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn’t get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan’s angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn’t think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me, My grace is enough; it’s all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness. Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ’s strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down

to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.

God wants you to know what He is thinking so He gave you His Word and His Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 (TLB)

10 But **we know about these things because God has sent his Spirit to tell us, and his Spirit searches out and shows us all of God's deepest secrets.** 11 No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like except that person himself. And no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And **God has actually given us his Spirit (not the world's spirit) to tell us about the wonderful free gifts of grace and blessing that God has given us.** 13 **In telling you about these gifts we have even used the very words given to us by the Holy Spirit, not words that we as men might choose. So we use the Holy Spirit's words to explain the Holy Spirit's facts.** 14 But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us. They sound foolish to him because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in. 15 **But the spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all.** 16 How could he? For certainly he has never been one to know the Lord's thoughts, or to discuss them with him, or to move the hands of God by prayer. But, strange as it seems, **we Christians actually do have within us a portion of the very thoughts and mind of Christ.**

You must prepare your heart and the way you think to handle your next challenge

Ephesians 6:12-17 (New International Version, NIV)

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore **put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes,** you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

When God being a priority becomes a habit in your life you will experience an ever increasing relationship with God

Colossians 3:2-4 (AMP)

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Matthew 6:31-33 (TLB)

31-32 “So don’t worry at all about having enough food and clothing. Why be like the heathen? For they take pride in all these things and are deeply concerned about them. But your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, 33 and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to.

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